

## "HOBBLER SKIRT" POLICY IN CITY SCHOOLS SCORED

That Is What Educators Call  
Plan to Sort Stitch Sewing Classes.

### POOR US FOR SHEARS.

Cutting Skill to Fit Cloth Will  
Only Spoil the Goods.

**Just a suggestion from the Board of Education that it intended to "short-stitch" the appropriation for the teaching of domestic economy in the public schools in theory and handicap that science by pitting it in a "hobble skirt" brought forth eloquent protests yesterday from prominent educators in this city.**

The Board of Education proposes to reduce the number of supervisors of sewing from sixty to forty-nine, thereby saving \$8,000 in expenses. Chancellor John H. MacCracken of New York University, Dr. James Russell, Dean of the Teachers' College at Columbia University, and Thomas M. Balliet of the New York University School of Pedagogy, come forth as avowed champions of a liberal allowance for needle-and-thimble instruction. Dr. MacCracken said:

**Fewer Stitches, Less Efficiency.**

"It looks as if the Board of Education favored a 'hobble-skirt' policy—fewer stitches and less efficiency, with the probability of a tumble. They say they must cut the skirt according to the cloth, but it's a pity that New York should no longer be able to maintain the standard of the last few years among its place of education—the school system. New York can learn more in the teaching of sewing than Boston, to say nothing of Chicago and Philadelphia."

The Board of Estimate, through the Comptroller experts, who have made a scientific study of the annual expenditures for its schools, find that all the money paid in the sewing classes is too much expense of instruction; they can see the city the magnificent sum of \$30 a year, incidentally crippling and almost destroying one of the best departments the city schools have, and doing \$100,000 damage to its reputation. It is a shame that the shears of Economy should spoil a department which the city is proud of."

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**WOMAN KILLED  
BY EXPLOSION OF  
OIL STOVE IN FLAT.**



## STOVE EXPLODES, KILLING MOTHER IN FAMILY GROUP

Little Girl Burned in Trying  
to Tear Blazing Kimono  
From Parent.

The explosion of an oil stove caused the death in Fordham Hospital to-day of Mrs. Hannah Henshaw, wife of John Henshaw, a Bronx Highways Department employee who lives at No. 380 East One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street.

With her two children, Hannah, twelve years old, and Norman, nine, Mrs. Henshaw was reading last night in their apartment when the youngsters complained that they were chilly. Their mother went into the kitchen and filled an oil stove that is used only occasionally. Carrying it into the living room, she touched a lighted match to the wick.

Instantly there was an explosion and blinding oil completely enveloped the woman. Her screams and those of her children brought in Policeman O'Rourke, who seized a blanket and wrapped it about Mrs. Henshaw. In an effort to assist O'Rourke little Hannah kimono and sleeves lined with satin Venetian colors dark Oxford gray and striped and plain effects.

In agony Mrs. Henshaw was taken to the hospital. The stove that exploded was found to have been leaky.

### SECOND FIRE IN CELLAR OF FOUR-STORY TENEMENT.

Score of Women and Children are Warned of Danger by Policeman Kemp.

Policeman Marshal Brophy was notified today of a suspicious fire that had occurred earlier in the day in the basement of the four-story tenement at No. 1220 Broadway, East New York, endangering the lives of a score of women and children and doing \$2,500 damage.

It was the second fire in the same cellar within a few days, and had non-Policeman Arthur Kemp beat led him by the house shortly after the fire had started there might have been serious loss of life.

Kemp turned in an alarm and then got all the tenants out safely. When the flames had burst suddenly boxes and barrels filled with gasoline were found in one part of the cellar.

The same conditions had prevailed last Saturday when a still alarm was turned from the building and the firemen had ordered the inflammable stuff removed. Elmer S. Price, photographer, has a studio on the first floor and is the biggest loser through the fire.

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